

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 through 40 (cancelled)

41. (new) A protective tarp for covering a mass, which comprises:
a peripheral edge; a plurality of tank compartment anchors permanently attached to a said protective tarp and being separate and apart from one another and said peripheral edge, each of said plurality of tank component anchors having at least one fill orifice and having closure means for said at least one fill orifice and being pre-determinedly arranged on said protective tarp.
42. (new) The protective tarp of claim 21 wherein said plurality of tank compartment anchors are hollow, flexible tank compartment anchors.
43. (new) The protective tarp of claim 22 wherein said tank compartment anchors and said sheet material are formed of the same material.
44. (new) The protective tarp of claim 21 wherein said sheet material is rectangular from a top view and has four edges, said edges being two sets of two opposite edges.

45. (new) The protective tarp of claim 44 wherein there are at least two edges opposite one another which contain a plurality of tank compartment anchors.
46. (new) The protective tarp of claim 41 wherein said protective tarp is a continuous tarp of substantial predetermined length having a central area away from said edges, and having a plurality of central tank compartment anchors located at said central area.
47. (new) The protective tarp of claim 46 wherein said central tank compartment anchors are aligned in a row at a right angle to an edge.
48. (new) The protective tarp of claim 47 wherein there are a plurality of groups of central tank compartment anchors, each group being located at said central area at disparate sections of said central area.
49. (new) The protective tarp of claim 48 wherein each group of said plurality of permanently attached to groups of central tank compartment anchors are located equidistant said flat flexible sheet material from one another.

50. (new) The protective tarp of claim 48 wherein at least a portion of said central tank compartment anchors are arranged in pairs so that said tarp may be cut between said pairs to create multiple tarps with tank compartment anchors along edges thereof.

51. (new) The protective tarp for covering as mass, which comprises:
a flat, flexible waterproof sheet material having a
top and a bottom and having a plurality of edges;
along each of the at least two said plurality of edges,
a plurality of tank compartment anchors attached to said protective
tarp and being separate and apart from one another, each having at
least one fill orifice and having closure means for said at least one fill
orifice and being pre-determinedly arranged on said protective tarp.

52. (new) The protective tarp of claim 51 wherein said plurality of tank compartment anchors are hollow, flexible tank compartment anchors.

53. (new) The protective tarp of claim 52 wherein said tank compartment anchors and said sheet material are formed of the same material.

54. (new) The protective tarp of claim 51 wherein said sheet material is rectangular from top view and has four edges, said four edges being two sets of two opposite edges.
55. (new) The protective tarp of claim 54 wherein there are at least two edges opposite one another which contain a plurality of tank compartment anchors.
56. (new) The protective tarp of claim 51 wherein said protective tarp is a continuous tarp of substantial predetermined length having a central area away from said edges, and having a plurality of central tank compartment anchors located at said central area.
57. (new) The protective tarp of claim 56 wherein said central tank compartment anchors are aligned in a row at a right angle to an edge.
58. (new) The protective tarp of claim 57 wherein there are plurality of groups of central tank compartment anchors, each group being located at said central area at disparate sections of said central area.

59. (new) The protective tarp of claim 58 wherein each group of said plurality of groups of central tank compartment anchors are located equidistant from one another.

60. (new) The protective tarp of claim 58 wherein at least portion of said central tank compartment anchors are arranged in pairs so that said tarp may be cut between said pairs to create multiple tarps with tank compartment anchors along all edges thereof.